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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT PARIS DATED 17 AUGUST 1977 FROM
NICE RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE: NICE 388

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, EAIR, FR

SUBJECT: THE CONCORDE AFFAIR

1. ON AUGUST 16, 1977, DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON PIERRE LAMBERTIN, PREFET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ALPES MARITIME, HE USED THE LAST HALF OF THE MEETING TO IMPRESS ON ME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE "AFFAIRE CONCORDE" FOR THE MAJORITY. HE SAID IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE MATTER BE SETTLED IN FAVOR OF THE CONCORDE (I.E. PERMISSION FOR IT TO LAND AT JFK AIRPORT IN NEW YORK) AND THAT THIS BE DONE BEFORE THE ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR. HE CLAIMED THE PCF IN PARTICULAR WAS GOING TO USE THE ISSUE IN ITS EFFORT TO DEFEAT THE MAJORITY. HE ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER BARRE HAD SPENT THE WEEKEND WITH
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HIM AND HAD MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONCORDE ISSUE FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS.

2. THE PREFET SAID THAT IF THE DECISION WERE TO GO AGAINST THE CONCORDE THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE MANIFESTATIONS IN THE AREA. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK ANY SORT OF ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE

AGAINST THE CONSULATE OR AMERICANS IN THE DISTRICT BUT
THAT IN ANY CASE HE WOULD SEE TO THEIR PROTECTION.

3. I WENT THROUGH THE POINTS OUTLINED IN NICE 122 OF
MARCH 11, 1977 AND THE PREFET ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE KNEW
OF THE EMBASSY'S LONG STANDING INTEREST IN EDUCATING
U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE MATTER.

4. COMMENT: THE PREFET OBVIOUSLY FELT OBLIGED TO STRESS
TO THE NEW U.S. CONSUL HIS POSITION ON THE SERIOUSNESS
OF THE MATTER. HIS COMMENTS ALSO INDICATED HE EXPECTED
THAT I WOULD PASS HIS VIEWS ON TO THE EMBASSY.

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